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Notice of Public Comment: February 23 to March 25, 2005

Proposal to Investigate Ordnance and Explosives In the Soil Of Three Northern Areas of Former Camp Elliot

We invite you to review and comment on a proposal to investigate the presence of Ordnance and Explosives (OE) including Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) in the soil of about 42 acres in San Diego. The project area known as Areas D, G & H are part of Camp Elliott, a Formerly Used Defense Site which was used for live-fire training and artillery ranges from the 1940s and 1950s. Due to these past activities, OE/UXO may be present at the project area in San Diego. As a result the area may be unsafe for the public. The investigating proposal, called a draft Work Plan for the OE Response Action for the Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (WP/EE/CA), is available for a 30-day comment period from February 23rd through March 25th, 2005. We also invite you to review and comment on a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, which is our agency's finding that the proposed cleanup with protective measures will not harm the environment. The Army Corps of Engineers proposes to survey the area with geophysical equipment similar to metal detectors, identify ordnance if found and detonate explosive ordnance in-place as needed.

HOW YOU CAN TELL US WHAT YOU THINK:

During the comment period, written comments on the draft WP/EE/CA and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration must be mailed or e-mailed no later than March 25, 2005 to Katherine Leibel, Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630, or e-mail KLeibel@dtsc.ca.gov.

These documents, along with all the reports related to this project, are available at the Scripps Miramar Ranch library, 10301 Scripps Lake Dr., San Diego, CA 92131-1026. We also have them at our agency's office, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) at 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, California. Please call Sofia Olmedo, File Room Coordinator at (714) 484-5336, to make an appointment.

WHO TO CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this project, please contact Leticia Hernandez (English and Español), DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5488 or e-mail lhernand@dtsc.ca.gov or Katherine Leibel, DTSC Project Manager at (714) 484-5446 or e-mail kleibel@dtsc.ca.gov.

Notice to the Hearing Impaired

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Leticia Hernandez at (714) 484-5488.

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